

Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Executive Committee
Minutes of May 14, 2012

Davis called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Judge Mac Davis, Brad Schimel, Paul Decker and Peter Schuler.

Absent: Dan Vrakas and Sam Benedict.

Also Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Karen Phillips, Sarah Spaeth, Vanessa Allen, Matt Hiller, Tom LeBel, Eric Seversen and Shawn Lundie.

Update on Progress of CJCC Program Evaluation Project

Hiller and LeBel presented a PowerPoint presentation titled “Setting Evaluation Priorities: Report to the Waukesha Criminal Justice Collaborating Council”. Hiller compiled results of an email survey of CJCC Executive Committee members to rank CJCC programs in terms of need for evaluation. Overall, Day Report Center and Intoxicated Driver Intervention Programs were ranked as the top two priorities for evaluation; Pretrial Jail Screening and Pretrial Jail Supervision Programs ranked closely behind.

Hiller discussed other factors derived from narrative answers of survey questions. Survey results indicated the following outcomes of interest:

- Impact on community safety
- Data on outcomes and success rates
- Whether the program is having the intended impacts on the offender as well as the criminal justice system, i.e. jail crowding, rehabilitation, etc.
- Recidivism (reconviction, type of offense/reconviction, timeframe)
- Valuation of jail days saved (how should it be calculated?)
- Employment status and stability
- Family status and stability
- Improved lives (in particular due to alcohol treatment programs)
- Reduction in substance use/abuse

In closing, Hiller indicated that Day Report Center and Intoxicated Driver Intervention Programs ranked highest in terms of need for evaluation and are very central to the crime prevention/crime control strategy of the county; consequently, he concluded that the overall evaluation should start with these two programs.

Discuss & Consider Participation in Temple University’s Grant Application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for “Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher – Practitioner Partnerships”

Hiller reviewed the terms of the NIJ “Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships” grant. Luczaj distributed a handout titled “Temple University – Waukesha County Research Partnership Grant Application Summary, May 2012”.

- Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice
- Due Date: May 30, 2012
- Applicant/Fiscal Agent: Temple University (with a subcontract to UW-Milwaukee)
- Length of Grant: January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015
- Budget Requested: Approximately \$425,000 (budget still being finalized)
- Match Requirement: None
- Waukesha County’s In-kind Contribution: Office space for researcher (computer, phone, printing and supplies will be paid for with grant funds)

Schimel arrived at 8:54 a.m.

Proposed project: As a component of the already existing non-contractual agreement by Temple University and UW-Milwaukee to evaluate the effectiveness of CJCC programs, this grant will provide for a .75 or 1.0 FTE researcher (to be determined), over the length of the 3-year grant, to conduct a thorough evaluation of the Day Report Center Program and the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program. LeBel would be the on-site co-principal investigator on the project through a subcontract with Temple University.

After discussion, Schuler moved, second by Decker, to approve CJCC participation in Temple University's grant application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for "Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher – Practitioner Partnerships". Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Davis requested a copy of Hiller's PowerPoint presentation.

Discuss & Consider Committee Membership Changes

- Programs & Alternatives Committee: Replace Judge Kieffer with Judge Dorow
- Education & Public Relations Committee: Add Windy Jicha, Programs & Projects Analyst

Davis explained that Judge Kieffer is rotating out of criminal court and requested to be succeeded. Judge Dorow has volunteered to replace him as a member of the Programs & Alternatives Committee.

Luczaj proposed to add Windy Jicha of the County Board Office as a member of the Education & Public Relations Committee. Jicha has already been working with the committee on an informal basis. She has been extraordinarily helpful in the formatting and editing of the CJCC newsletter and would be a great addition to the committee.

MOTION: Decker, second by Schimel, to approve memberships of Judge Dorow on the Programs and Alternatives Committee and Windy Jicha on the Education & Public Relations Committee. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Approve Minutes from February 13, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of February 13, 2012 were approved by unanimous consent.

Update on Formation of State-Level CJCC

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a press release from the governor's press office, "Governor Walker Appoints Eighteen to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council". Milwaukee County CJCC Coordinator Jim Hiller has been appointed to the council and will represent local interests. The council will be co-chaired by the Attorney General and Secretary of the Department of Corrections. Luczaj will keep the committee apprised of any updates.

Review Agenda Items for 5/23/12 CJCC Meeting

Due to a lack of agenda items, the May 23, 2012 CJCC meeting will be cancelled.

Next CJCC Meeting

- Wednesday, July 25, 2012 @ 8:30 AM, Room C179

Next CJCC Executive Committee Meeting

- Monday, June 11, 2012 @ 8:30 AM, Room C179

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.